

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday October 21st, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Roger Cain, Jeff Hallock, Mark Herman, Karly Spell, and Rick Ryland.

Also, Present: Edwin Buttens, City Manager Darin DeHaan, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, Stephanie Wendt, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Absent: Randy Cropp and Liz Hiemstra.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

No public comment.

Jeff Hallock moved to approve the July 15th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Herman moved to set a public hearing date for November 18th, 2025, for a Rezoning Request submitted by Edwin Buttens for the property located at 708 W. Washington Street, Parcel #16-04-292-004 Request to rezone the property from Single Family to Multifamily, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan gave some background on how the city is handling homes that did not go through the permitting process to change from single family to multifamily. He said the city is not making the current multifamily property owner revert the property back to a single-family home. Instead, the city contacts the realtor and the current homeowner when the city sees the property go up for sale as multifamily but is zoned as single family. The owners of 708 W. Washington Street were unaware the property was not zoned as multifamily when they purchased the property. They would like to rezone the property so it can be sold as a multifamily home. If allowed, the zoning of this property would go from R-1 to R-2. Mark Herman said the public hearing will be held on November 18th and notices will be sent to neighbors. The public hearing will allow any questions or public comment to be made on the request. Roger Cain asked how the city is notified of these properties. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he and the Mayor are looking at housing inventory often. Mayor Ken Williams said the Comprehensive Plan includes zoning information. He asked the committee to keep in mind the entire community and the goals in the comprehensive plan when it comes to multifamily in single family zones. He asked them all to visit the property.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Other business: The committee also discussed the fire department construction, the demolition and possible uses of the 3rd Street property, potential EPA grant for the remediation of the property located at 309 S. 1st Street, and tree plantings throughout town.

Jeff Hallock moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk